

Local Council Elections South Australia

Who Can Vote:

The [Electoral Commission of SA "voters roll" website](#) says that:

If you are correctly enrolled for state elections in South Australia, you are automatically included on the council voters roll and will receive ballot papers through the post.

Council supplementary roll

If you are not enrolled on the state electoral roll you may be eligible to register on the council supplementary roll if you are:

- *a resident or a non-Australian citizen who has lived at your residential address for one month or more*
- *an owner of an organisation or business*
- *an owner of a holiday home*
- *a sole owner, or group of owners, of a rateable property*
- *a sole occupier, or group of occupiers, of a rateable property*
- *a landlord of rateable property.*

How Do I Vote?

The [Electoral Commission of SA "voting in council elections" website](#) explains that:

Voting in council elections is conducted by post. All election materials, including your ballot papers, are mailed directly to the postal address you provided on the electoral roll. The mailout of postal voting packs begins after nominations close.

Your ballot pack contains:

- *a ballot paper for each election being contested in the council area for which you are entitled to vote*
- *a candidate profile brochure*
- *a ballot paper envelope*
- *a reply-paid envelope*
- *a postal voting guide*

Most electors receive one voting pack. However, people who have properties or entitlements for a different election may receive more than one pack.

What If I Didn't Get My Ballot Pack?

The [Electoral Commission of SA "voting in council elections" website](#) states that:

You can request a replacement ballot pack if the original material was:

- *not received*
- *destroyed or lost*
- *spoiled*
- *issued for an incorrect ward.*

Ballot packs may also be issued to electors who claim to have been omitted from the council voters roll due to an administrative error.

How to Complete Your Ballot Papers

The Coastal Ward has 2 vacancies so you will need to number at least 2 boxes for your vote to be valid. Vote 1 for Sarah Luscombe and the second vote is your choice.

The [Electoral Commission of SA "voting in council elections" website](#) explains that:

To make a formal vote, you must number at least as many boxes as there are vacancies, in the order of your choice.

For example, in a ward with 2 vacancies and 5 candidates: You must use the numbers 1 and 2, in the order of your choice, to complete your ballot paper. If you wish, you may continue to number some or all of the other boxes (3, 4 or 5).

The number of vacancies and directions on how to complete your ballot will be shown on the ballot paper.

What Do I Do Once I've Completed the Ballot Paper?

The [Electoral Commission of SA "voting in council elections" website](#) says that now you need to:

1. *Place your folded ballot papers in the ballot paper envelope provided.*
2. *Seal the ballot paper envelope.*
3. *Ensure the relevant declaration is completed with your details and signed.*
4. *Place your sealed ballot paper envelope in the reply-paid envelope and seal it.*
5. *Mail the reply-paid envelope so that it reaches the returning officer before the close of voting.*

If you do not get your envelope in the post on time, you can place it in the ballot box at your local council office before the close of voting.

When Does Voting Take Place?

The [Electoral Commission of SA "timetable"](#) website tells us that the voting dates are as follows:

Mailout of ballot material to electors	Between Friday 14 October and Thursday 20 October 2022
Close of voting (polling day)	5:00 pm, Thursday 10 November 2022

What Suburbs are in the Coastal Ward?

The [City of Marion Coastal Ward](#) website details that the Coastal Ward is made up of the suburbs of Hallett Cove, Marino and part of Seacliff Park.

The Coastal Ward boundaries are the coast and Lonsdale Road/Ocean Boulevard. We have many families who live here and a beautiful hilly coastline with contemporary housing and two conservation parks which have recently become a part of the Glenthorne National Park. Marion Council has a useful [map of the Coastal Ward](#) which helps to visualise the boundaries of our ward.

Don't live in the Coastal Ward? Check out the [other wards of Marion Council](#) to see where you are located. Otherwise, you may be in the [Onkaparinga Council area](#) which is also nearby.